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MR. D. R. LOCKE (Nasby), the editor of the TOLEDO BLADE, and MR. ROBINSON LOCKE, will make a tour of the Southern States, commencing on or about October 15th, 1883, and continuing during the Autumn and Winter, the object being a series of letters descriptive of the whole South.

These letters, which will appear weekly, will be entirely non-political, their object being to place before the people of the whole country, especially the half million readers of the BLADE, such facts as are necessary to a proper comprehension of the resources of the South.

The great South is entering upon an era of development that in the course of a few years will work wonderful changes in population and general wealth. What the Southern States need, more than anything else, is that its advantages in soil, climate, forest and mineral wealth be known and understood, to the end of diverting thither its proper proportion of the millions of people coming into the country, and the millions more from the North who are seeking new homes. In the North, more is known of Germany and France than of the Southern States.

The TOLEDO WEEKLY BLADE has the largest circulation of any paper published in the United States, and these letters will appear regularly in its columns. In fact, the letters from the South will be the great feature of the coming year. The importance to the South of a work like this can hardly be over-estimated.

The letters will not be confined to the regular tourist's route, nor to a description of what the regular tourist writes about. Messrs. Locke will visit interior points, remote from the much-frequented lines of travel, they will investigate personally, soil, water-powers, forests and mines, business facilities and advantages, the progress made and making, railroads, public buildings and works, everything, in short pertaining to the material development of the vast country south of the Ohio and Potomac.

Those who have followed the work of the Messrs. Locke in their two years and a half in Europe, will understand their method of getting information, and their manner of treatment.

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MATERIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOUTH.

It is very gratifying to observe in the Southern press constant testimony of the great change which the last few years have wrought in the industries of the South. The cotton crop is no longer regarded as almost the sole independence of that section of the Union but manufactures are receiving the attention to which they are justly entitled. The magnificent natural resources of the vast empire which stretches from the Potomac to the Rio Grande are being developed, and every paying investment attracts fresh brains and more capital to its vicinity. With the advance of the industrial era comes a demand for better means of transportation, and the multiplication of railroads and the better equipment of old lines have grown apace. The activity which has thus been fresh imparted to the South has borne fruit in other directions. Farmers have awakened to the fact that wheat, corn, fruit and vegetables can be raised and disposed of at profitable prices, and now the South is almost independent of the West for its supply of breadstuffs, while its shipments of fruits and vegetables to the North are yearly increasing and bring much gain to the enterprising growers. Improved agricultural methods go hand in hand with the diversification of industry, and it is safe to predict that the cotton crop of the South will be all the larger under favorable climatic conditions, for the attention given to other crops and the progressive ideas received by farmers, who have at length been convinced that they can learn something new about their own business. The conclusion is proved by the fact that last season's crop was the largest ever produced, falling but a few bales short of 7,000,000. The crop this year will be smaller, as the weather has been unfavorable, but coming seasons will see these figures greatly exceeded. And the more of this crop that is manufactured where it is raised the greater will be the gain of those who raise it, and, therefore, the stronger will be the inducement to continue its cultivation. The growth of the South in the manufacture of cotton goods is shown by the statement that 40 per cent. more bales were used by Southern cotton spinners last season than the one previous. The total number of spindles added to cotton machinery in the United States last year was 660,000, of which 180,000 were taken by Southern States.—*Iron Age.*

Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, October 13.

The following was the state of the Treasury to-day:

Gold coin and bullion.....	\$206,915,920
Silver dollars and bullion.....	120,168,088
Fractional coin.....	26,632,857
U. S. Notes.....	52,938,538
Total.....	\$406,656,313
Certificates outstanding—	
Gold.....	\$56,569,730
Silver.....	\$1,624,701
Currency.....	12,380,000

How to Save Potatoes.

Dr. John B. White, of Green Co., is the banner producer of sweet potatoes we have heard of. In the summer of 1882, he raised about 175 bushels, and after eating all that a large family could consume and keeping plenty for seed, he sold about \$80.00 worth. He keeps them in the loft of a house, buried in sawdust. In this way he can save them until harvest of the following year.—*Blountville Star.*

ROBERT WATSON
Birmingham, Ala., has by actual count 10,848 population.

MILLIONS IN SORGHUM.

According to a Kansas paper the growth of sorghum in that State for the year is exceptionally promising. The Kansas Sugar Works at Sterling are operated by a joint stock company composed of Illinois and Massachusetts capitalists. The cost of the plant, building and machinery is \$45,000, including steam boilers of 350-horse power, with crusher and other machinery with a capacity of 250 tons of cane a day, and a vacuum pan equal to turning out 90,000 pounds of sugar daily. The number of hands employed is 60, with a weekly pay-roll of \$500. Fifteen hundred acres of cane are under contract, employing 75 men in handling and cutting. The price paid for cane is two dollars per ton delivered. The yield of the present crop is estimated at 500 to 600 tons per acre, or a total yield of 650,000 tons of sugar worth \$60,000, and more than 75,000 gallons of syrup worth \$30,000, or a total product of \$90,000, equal to \$60 per acre. The land producing this result was recently part of the Government domain, and Kansas has millions of it adapted to the growth of the cane.—*American.*

Care of Young Trees.

Trees that are not on cultivated land should receive especial care until they have set about two years. Trees that do well the first year often die the second, because, supposing them to be out of danger, they receive no special care. In our climate the sun is very hot and we often have long continued dry weather, sometimes so long as to dry the earth below the roots of trees that have been set but a few years. As a tree full of leaves exhales a large quantity of water every day, the roots, to keep the tree full, exhaust the moisture from the soil so rapidly that when capillary action is checked by a hard-baked crust on top, there is not enough moisture drawn from below to supply water in sufficient quantities to keep life in a tree. To keep the soil in a good condition it should be either well cultivated, or well shaded; the latter may be best done by mulching, if done before dry weather commences. The mulch should, if possible, be applied early in the spring. It is wonderful what a difference it makes in the moisture of the soil, whether it be well mulched or left exposed to bake in the sun.—*Orange County Farmer.*

The future is always, fairyland to the young. Life is like a beautiful and winding lane, on either side bright flowers, and beautiful butterflies, and tempting fruits, which we scarcely pause to admire and taste, so eager are we to hasten to an opening which we imagine will be more beautiful still.

While the farmer seldom reaps extraordinary profits from his labors, yet his gains are sure, and his property is of that nature which has the element of security. Unfortunately generally is the man who, discontented with the moderate profits of safe investment, rushes into speculative ventures with the hope of increased returns. In the will of the late Moses Williams, a millionaire of Boston, is the following advice to his heirs: "Keep the same property which I leave you, rather than to exchange it for other property that may promise a greater income. I have never looked for a large income, but have sought the greatest security of the principal; governed by this rule, I have met with few losses, and to this I owe my large estate."

ANDY TAYLOR.

The Supreme Court on last Saturday confirmed the sentence of the lower court, and sentenced Andy Taylor to be hanged at Loudon on the twenty-third of November.

William Eastey, the negro who murdered Allen Jeffers, in Campbell County, a year ago, was also sentenced to hang at Jacksboro, November 23.

THE SOUTH.

Birmingham has by actual count 10,848 population.

Cool fall weather and gorgeous sunset in Florida.

Bar-rooms are closed in Richmond, Va., Sundays.

Selma will soon have a free delivery postal service.

Minnie Hauck sings in Richmond to-night (Thursday) in Carmen.

Will the South be the first to boldly adopt cremation?

The cisterns of Montgomery are drying up, and water is very scarce.

A dog show, to open October 30, is to be added to the Louisville Exposition.

The programme of the orchestra in the theatre at Savannah is announced in the morning papers.

Mobile papers estimate the city's loss from the quarantine proclaimed against Pensacola at \$100,000.

Mad dogs are as abundant in Georgia at the present time as they were in Tennessee three months ago.

There are 1,043 pupils in the public schools of Columbus, S. C., of whom 583 are white and 460 colored.

The New Orleans cigar makers' Union approves of the new law forbidding the manufacture of cigars in tenement houses.

The Jackson, Miss., fair, the last of this month, promises to be of unusual importance. A large number of prospectors from the North will make it the occasion of a visit to the South.

A Mr. Meynier, Jr., of New Orleans has issued a prospectus for the publication of a monthly there, to be called The Confederate Knapsack to be devoted to the incidents and achievements of the late war.

According to the Montgomery Advertiser the increase in the trade of that city's business during the past year exceeds \$200,000, while in Selma forty-six leading business houses did a business of \$11,814,850.

The plans of the new Chamber of Commerce building in Atlanta are to be changed, and the building will be handsomer than originally designed.

Cotton receipts at Atlanta, up to Sept. 1 showed an increase of 20,244 bales over the same period last year. Her receipts will reach 150,000 bales; it is thought, for the season.

Recently, near Jonesboro, Ark., five railroad laborers were in camp enjoying themselves, two playing the violin and knocking bones and three dancing, when a dead tree fell, killing the dancers and wounding the other two.

OVER THE STATE.

A large number of fine hogs have been raised in Gibson County.

The soldiers' reunion at Kingsport, Tuesday, was attended by 6,000 persons.

Cabbages and Irish potatoes are passing through Tennessee on their way South.

An alarm of fire, it is said, caused quite a commotion in Memphis since the late fires.

The Polk County News is the name of a new paper just started at Repton, Polk County.

Hon. Robert S. Douthat, Republican, was elected Mayor of Fayetteville by a large majority.

The Memphis Scimitar has started a fund to be presented to the War Department, in recognition of the services.

The Star-Crescent is the name of a new college paper just issued by the Philomethian Society of Sullivan College, Bristol.

After October 15th railroad locomotives will not be allowed to blow their whistles within the corporate limits of the Taxing District of Memphis.

Farmers along the smaller rivers in upper East Tennessee fear the recent rains may cause a disastrous rise in the waters, washing away fences and crops.

Fred Seagle, who murdered and robbed his three companions at Cumberland Falls, on the C.S.R., in August has been found guilty and sentenced to hang.

On Wednesday, Judge Allen overruled the motion for a new trial in the case of The State vs. W. L. Bay, recently convicted for the murder of Mrs. Birdie Patterson. The case was then appealed to the Supreme Court.

On Friday night two freight trains on the E. T. & Ga. railroad, while running at a very high rate of speed, collided four miles west of Cleveland, resulting in the death of three men, besides several others wounded.

The famous Ducktown copper mines are reported to have been sold to an English company for \$600,000. An engineer will be sent to examine the mines and improvements and if they are found represented, the transfer will be made.

The Oakdale Iron Works, on the Cincinnati Southern Railroad, were sold to Buckley & Co., of St. Louis, for \$225,000 cash. The new company will at once proceed to build a railroad from Emory Gap to Clinton through the finest mineral and timber lands in the South.

Among the curious things exhibited at the Louisville Southern Exposition are thirteen medallions, castings of iron, representing Christ and the twelve apostles. These were cast from native ores nearly one hundred years ago, at the old Bellwood Furnace upon the Cumberland River in Eastern Tennessee, in molten made of green sandstone. Considering the rudeness of the methods and the infancy of art in that section they have a finish, smoothness and polish that is remarkable. The delineation of features, the eyes, brows and chin, etc., are nearly, if not quite, equal to the very best grade of chisel-work.

In Alabama the price of common labor has increased twenty-five cents a day, owing to the growth of manufactures, the building of railroads, and the wonderful mineral developments which have been made.